

## **Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**August 11, 2010**

**5:15pm**

**Present:** Ray Andresen (chair), Molly Mulhern, Jeff Kuller, Martin Cates (Select Board liaison), Sharon Gilbert, Ed Libby and Beth Ward.

**Absent:** Brian Robinson, David Olivas and Duncan Matlack

Ray opened the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Sharon moved to accept the June 2, 2010 meeting minutes as presented, Ed seconded the motion, and it passed.

### **Committee Reports**

**RMRA Redevelopment:** Jeff reported that the 7/27 community presentation went well and was well attended. Molly suggested that the Redevelopment Committee follow up with printed material/press releases that the Select Board had requested. The RMRA Foundation is currently negotiating with Shawnee Peak for their used triple chairlift.

**US National Toboggan Championships®:** Ray reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am at the Washington Street Conference Room. Jeff reported that Holly (Anderson) Edwards has resigned from the committee.

**Megunticook Rowing:** Jeff reported that the rowing club has taken the lead on the Megunticook Lake Rowing Race that Parks and Recreation used to co-sponsor. Ray reported that the path, bridge and boat rack was nicely done and looks natural.

**Pathways/Conservation Commission:** Ray reported that the next work day for Megunticook River Walk is scheduled for Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. A public meeting was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and it was a successful brainstorming session. Another public meeting will be held sometime in September.

### **Old Business**

**Summer Recreation Program:** Enrollment was 52 children with an average of 45 attending weekly. Parks and Recreation and YMCA will split difference in reimbursements to the YMCA due to not reaching the full number of 55.

**Playground Equipment:** Beth reported that the project is on hold and will report back.

**Shared Use Trail:** Jeff reported that some of the estimates that were done needed to be fine tuned as they were low according to Gartley and Dorsky. The grant of \$35,000 plus \$50,000 from RMRAF will not cover building the trail as planned. Current choices include: find \$20,000 more, bid it out in phases, or build it narrower.

**Multi Use Field:** Thad Chilton (Five Town football) asked John Novak at the Camden Hills Regional High school to come out with Bill Fitzcharles to look at the turf health on the ball field. Jeff will contact Thad and John to find out what they recommend for a next step.

### **New Business**

**Strategic Plan:** Subject tabled for future discussion. Ray will email Ed a copy of the plan.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Summer Chairlift Operations – August 22, September 19, 26, October 10, 17 and 24.

Wednesdays in the Park Concert Series – Ends August 18<sup>th</sup>

Ragged Mountain Festival – October 10<sup>th</sup>

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15pm in the Tucker Room, Camden Opera House.

Ray moved that the meeting be adjourned, Ed seconded, and it passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Beth Ward.